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Executive Summary

As outlined in the California Rules of Court, rule 10.16, the Technology Committee oversees the Judicial Council's policies concerning information technology. The committee assists the council by providing technology recommendations focusing on the establishment of policies that emphasize long-term strategic leadership and that align with judicial branch goals. The committee is responsible for ensuring specific projects approved and funded by the council comply with the relevant council policies, proceed on schedule, and stay within scope and budget.

Overview of Committee Meetings

Since the March 12 Judicial Council meeting, the Technology Committee met by videoconference on April 12 and May 10, 2021. The committee also held an education session on May 5, 2021.

Court Technology Modernization Funding

The committee received updates on the activities to date related to the direct allocations to the trial courts and the branchwide initiatives across 13 program categories. The trial courts continue their good work to improve access to justice through the use of technology. The Intra-Branch Agreements (IBAs) for the branchwide programs were executed. The committee sought feedback

from the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee, Court Executive Officers Advisory Committee, and Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), as well as the branch IT community on improving the process and the categories for the next cycle of funding (FY 2021–22). The committee also solicited participation in a workstream to review funding requests for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021–22; the roster of workstream members is in the process of being finalized and will start its work in late May or early June. The committee anticipates presenting a set of funding recommendations at the council's September meeting.

Video Remote Interpreting Guidelines

The committee reviewed and approved the revised *Video Remote Interpreting Guidelines*, which is being considered by the council as agenda item 21-086.

Data Analytics

The committee reviewed and approved the ITAC Data Analytics Workstream final report and recommendations, which is being considered by the council as agenda item 21-097.

Disaster Recovery

The committee reviewed and approved the ITAC Disaster Recovery Phase II Workstream's final report and recommendations. The recommendations included publishing the Disaster Recovery to Cloud (DR2C) Roadmap and reference materials for those interested in implementing or upgrading their Disaster Recovery solutions; having the Judicial Council Information Technology staff periodically review and update the publications; and explore funding options.

Statewide Self-Represented Litigant Portal

The committee received an update on the collaborative work being done branchwide to improve the accessibility, usefulness, and breadth of online, statewide information for self-represented litigants.